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[¶1.](#) Doctor Tirsi Quezada Assistant Health Secretary for Public Health told USAID officer on May 10 that the Secretariat has not made a decision on who will attend the

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WHA. However, Doctor Cristina Nogueira, Pan-American Health Organization representative to the Dominican Republic, told her that the Dominican Republic is not eligible to vote in the WHA because the country is not current on its dues.

[¶2.](#) Embassy will confirm Dominican plans for the WHO Assembly and will approach the expected delegates.  
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